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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on December 28, 2003. A petition for a two-month extension is enclosed. Please amend the subject patent application as described below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.